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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Service – Agricultural Marketing Department – Departmental Proceedings against Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram under Rule 172 of A.P.(AP&LS) Markets Rules, 1969 – Articles of Charges – Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.127 **Dated:08.02.2024**

Read:-

E-file No.ACG05-16021/53/2023-DISCPLR SEC-MRKT (Computer No.2151504) dated:18.10.2023 & 17.01.2024 received from the C&DoAM, A.P., Guntur.

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (U/s), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram in accordance with the procedure laid down under Rule 172 of A.P.(AP&LS) Markets, Rules, 1969.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Article of Charges (Annexure – I & II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the article of charges is proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure –III & IV).

3. Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram is directed to submit his written statement of defence within 10 days on receipt of this order.

4. Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram is further informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charges that are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny the article of charge.

5. Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in Para 3 above, further action will be proceeded based on the material available.

6. The attention of Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government

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servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to hear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and presently Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram is aware of such representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of is order shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PARDESH)

CHIRANJIV CHOUDHARY, IFS,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri S. Chinni Krishna,
The then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram.
(Through : The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing,
A.P., Guntur)
Copy to:-
The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing,
A.P., Guntur.
SF/SC.

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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI S. CHINNI KRISHNA, THE THEN SECRETARY GRADE-III, AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, ETCHERLA AND SECRETARY GRADE-II (UNDER SUSPENSION), AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, ITCHAPURAM.

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Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram has misappropriated an amount of Rs.1,03,75,579/- of AMC Funds during his working period. He has not maintained cash books, cheque abstract book registers and receipt ledgers etc. properly and huge amounts were transferred by issue of cheques to unrelated bank accounts from Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram. He has cancelled Demand Drafts and transferred the amounts to other persons on subsequent dates in regular practice, besides drawing in cash and frequently drawn the funds by cash / cheques for his own sake while working as Selection Grade Secretary(FAC), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram and also committed financial irregularities and irregular cash drawls from Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram Funds through Zero balance Current Account No. 34914090382, S.B.I., Itchapuram. The details are as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE FINANCIAL IRREGULARITIES

Sl. No	Details	Misappropriated Amount in Rs.
1.	Irregular Advances drawn	18,00,000
2.	Funds received from AMC Etcherla and drawn in cash	41,39,956
3.	Paddy Procurement Commission and M. Fee cash drawn	2,00,000
4.	C.M.F. Draft cancelled and cash drawn	26,98,784
5.	E-farmarketing funds drawn	5,00,000
6.	Misappropriated APSCSC amount	5,50,000
7.	Irregular Cash drawls	4,37,223
8.	Funds transfer to unknown person (K. Bhaskara Rao)	49,616
TOTAL:		**1,03,75,579**

ARTICLE OF CHARGE – I

"That Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram has wilfully sanctioned and drawn the advances to himself irregularly and as a Secretary Grade-II, he has to obtain proceedings from Assistant Director of Marketing / District Agri. Trade & Marketing Officer, Srikakulam for his own Car Advance & H.B. Advances. The details are as follows:

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Sl. No.	Year	Date	Amount (in Rs.)	Details
1.	2021-22	12.1.2022	6,00,000	Irregular self sanction of Car advance and drawn in favour of Sri S.Chinni Krishna, Secretary Grade-II
2.	2021-22	17.2.2022	12,00,000	Irregular self sanction and drawal of HBA in favour of S. Chinnikrishna, Secretary Grade-II. No proceedings from DATMO/DDM/JDM.
TOTAL:			18,00,000	

Thus, he has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of the public servant and contravened Rule 3 of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964, violated the Rules 31, 97, 98, 99 & 100 of A.P.(AP&LS) Markets Rules, 1969 and also violated House Building Advance Rules issued in G.O.Ms.No.311, Finance and Planning (A&L) Department, dated:06.11.1966 and violated the orders of the C&DoAM, AP issued in Rc.IV(2) 2238/94, dated:06.01.1998".

ARTICLE OF CHARGE – II

"That Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram has wilfully misappropriated an amount of Rs.41,39,956/- which was received from the Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla Funds pertains to repayment of loan and drawn in cash. The details as follows:

(i) It is found that an amount of Rs.11,80,000/- was directly transferred to the current account bearing No.34914090382 of the AMC Itchapuram vide CFMS Bill No.2022-1673430 on 01/11/2022 (AMC Etcherla) towards repayment of loan. On verification of CFMS bill, the said amount was not remitted to the AMC Funds of Itchapuram. Verification of the current account statement of AMC Itchapuram, the above amount of Rs.11,80,000/- was misappropriated by Sri Ch. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and presently Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram through cheque No. 871202, dated:03.11.2022, cash drawn by Sri P. Ram Kumar, DEO.

(ii) Another amount of Rs.11,80,000/- also drawn vide CFMS Bill No.2022-2125873 dated:28.12.2022 (AMC Etcherla) adjusted directly to the Current account of the AMC Itchapuram on 07/01/2023 towards repayment of loan amount. For that cash cheque bearing No. 871215 dated:09.01.2023 for Rs.11,80,000/- was issued to Sri Vallabha Rao, Yard Assistant of AMC, Itchapuram and the same amount was withdrawn in cash.

(iii) An amount of Rs.5,99,956/- was transferred vide CFMS Bill No.2022-241085 dated:12.02.2023(AMC Etcherla) adjusted directly to the Current account of the AMC Itchapuram on 01/03/2023. But the same was drawn vide cheque No.871221 dated:02.03.2023 for Rs.5,99,956/- at AMC, Itchapuram. Cash drawn by Sri Vallabha Rao, Yard Assistant of AMC, Itchapuram.

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(iv) Another amount of Rs.11,80,000/- was transferred again towards repayment of loan to the AMC Itchapuram vide CFMS Bill No.2023-675868 dated:23.05.2023 (AMC Etcherla) on 01/06/2023. The adjusted amount in the current account was not remitted to the Funds of the AMC Itchapuram, but diverted the same by Sri S. Chinnikrishna, the then Secretary AMC Itchapuram and cash drawn by Sri Vallabha Rao, Yard Assistant of AMC, Itchapuram.

Date	Transfer / cash	Amount in Rs.
03.11.2022	Transferred to AMC, Ichapuram current account towards repayment of 3 instalments of loan recovery	11,80,000/-
09.01.2023		11,80,000/-
01.06.2023		11,80,000/-
02.03.2023	Transferred to AMC, Ichapuram current account	5,99,956/-
Total:		**41,39,956/-**

Thus, he has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of the public servant and contravened Rule 3 of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964, violated the Rules 31, 97, 98, 99 & 100 of A.P.(AP&LS) Markets Rules, 1969".

ARTICLE OF CHARGE – III

"That Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram has wilfully misappropriated an amount of Rs.2,00,000/- encashed by Sri B. Vinod Kumar, Outsourcing Staff out of which an amount of Rs.7,36,078/- pertain to paddy procurement commission.

Thus, he has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of the public servant and contravened Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, violated the Rules 31, 97, 98, 99 & 100 of A.P.(AP&LS) Markets Rules, 1969".

ARTICLE OF CHARGE – IV

"That Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram has wilfully misappropriated an amount of Rs.26,98,784/- pertains to C.M.F. arrear. Demand draft cancelled and encahsed by Sri B. Vinod Kumar, Outsourcing Staff.

Thus, he has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of the public servant and contravened Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, violated the Rules 31, 97, 98, 99 & 100 of A.P.(AP&LS) Markets Rules, 1969".

ARTICLE OF CHARGE – V

"That Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram has wilfully misappropriated an amount of Rs.5,00,000/- out of which an amount of Rs.7,09,710/- encashed by Sri P. Ramkumar, DEO pertains to e-farmarketing Fund.

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Thus, he has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of the public servant and contravened Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, violated the Rules 31, 97, 98, 99 & 100 of A.P.(AP&LS) Markets Rules, 1969".

ARTICLE OF CHARGE – VI

"That Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram has wilfully misappropriated an amount of Rs.5,50,000/- out of which an amount of Rs.7,63,427/- (i.e., Rs.7,57,427/- pertains to APSCSC Amount + Rs.6000/- other bills) and same was encashed by Sri P. Rammohan Rao, Yard Assistant.

Thus, he has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of the public servant and contravened Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, violated the Rules 31, 97, 98, 99 & 100 of A.P.(AP&LS) Markets Rules, 1969".

ARTICLE OF CHARGE – VII

"That Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram has wilfully misappropriated an amount of Rs.4,37,223/- (Rs.1,50,000 + 1,00,000 + 41,875 + 1,45,000 + 348) by the way of self cheque drawn / cheque drawn by other persons / amount transfer to unknown persons. The details are as follows:

Irregular Cash Drawls from AMC, Itchapuram Funds through Zero Balance Current Account Number.34914090382, SBI Itchapuram.

Sl. No	Year	Date	Amount in Rs.	Remarks
1	2021-22	27.4.2021	1,50,000	Self cheque drawn by Sri S. Chinni Krishna
2	2021-22	12.01.2022	348	Bill raised for Rs.348/-
3	2022-23	16.4.2022	1,00,000	Cheque drawn by Sri P. Ram Mohan Rao, Yard Assistant
4	2022-23	6.12.2022	41,875	Rs.1,33,871/-Cash drawn by Sri A. Jagan Mohan Reddy, Yard Assistant Paid Rs. 91,996/- as per the cheque abstract details. Rs. 41,875/- bills not found.
5	2022-23	30.3.2023	1,45,000	Cash drawn by various cheques for Rs.7,28,719/-. No details for Rs.1,45.000/-.
Total:			**4,37,223**	

Thus, he has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of the public servant and contravened Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, violated the Rules 31, 97, 98, 99 & 100 of A.P.(AP&LS) Markets Rules, 1969".

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ARTICLE OF CHARGE – VIII

"That Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram has wilfully misappropriated an amount of Rs.49,616/- of AMC Funds through transfer to unknown person i.e., Sri K. Bhaskara Rao, Account No. 30491697392.

Thus he has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of the public servant and contravened Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, violated the Rules 31, 97, 98, 99 & 100 of A.P.(AP&LS) Markets Rules, 1969".

ARTICLE OF CHARGE – IX

"That Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram has wilfully sanctioned the advances to the Staff for an amount of Rs.16,00,000/- without following any procedure and eligibility even though the State Audit Department is also objected in their report. The details are as follows:

Sl. No	Year	Date	Amount in Rs.	Details
1	2021-22	3.12.2020	4,00,000	Irregular sanction of HBA(R) and drawn in favour of Sri S. Sriramulu, Supervisor
2	2021-22	2.9.2021	6,00,000	Irregular sanction of Car advance and drawn in favour of Sri S. Sriramulu, Supervisor
3	2021-22	1.11.2021	6,00,000	Irregular sanction of Car advance and drawn in favour of Sri G. Kesavarao, Supervisor
TOTAL:			**16,00,000**	

Thus, he has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of the public servant and contravened Rule 3 of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964, violated the Rules 31, 97, 98, 99 & 100 of A.P.(AP&LS) Markets Rules, 1969 and also violated House Building Advance Rules issued in G.O. Ms. No. 311, Finance and Planning(A&L) Department, dated:06.11.1996 and violated the orders of the C&DoAM issued in Rc.IV(2) 2238/94, dated:06.01.1998".

ARTICLE OF CHARGE – X

That Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram has wilfully proceeded on half pay leave commuted to full pay on medical grounds from 05.08.2023 to 04.09.2023 without prior permission from the Higher Authorities and also without intimation to Higher Authorities as he is hold a Secretary of the Market Committee as the post is Executive Authority.

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Thus, he has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of the public servant and contravened Rule 3 of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964, violated the Rules 31 of AP(AP&LS) Markets Rules, 1969 and also violated A.P. Leave Rules, 1933".

CHIRANJIV CHOUDHARY, IFS,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

ANNEXURE - II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI S. CHINNI KRISHNA, THE THEN SECRETARY GRADE-III, AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, ETCHERLA AND SECRETARY GRADE-II (UNDER SUSUPENSION), AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, ITCHAPURAM ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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As per instructions of Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P. as well as Government, the Regional Joint Director of Marketing, Visakhapatnam has constituted teams for verification of records at AMC, Itchapuram and the verification team has submitted the report through RJDM, Visakhapatnam to the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, Guntur. The team members have verified the Cash books, current account pass books, Bank statements and available records and arrived the misappropriated amount of Rs.1,03,75,579/- at Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram.

As per report of Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Karapa, visited Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram located in the village of Gorlepadu, Kaviti Mandalam of Srikakulam District with his team members on 23.8.2023 forenoon. The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur has constituted a committee headed by Sri S. Erranna, D.D.M. Visakhapatnam for conducting verification of records and misappropriation of AMCs Itchapuram and Etcherla Funds by Sri S Chinni Krishna, Secretary Grade-II, AMC, Itchapuram from 2019-2020 to 2020-2021 and directed to submit the verification report with specific remarks along with responsible persons.

The Regional Joint Director of Marketing, Visakhapatnam have constituted team for verification of records and misappropriation of A.M.C, A.M.C. Itchapuram Funds by Sri S.Chinni Krishna, Secretary Grade-II, A.M.C. Itchapuram (Under suspension) with the following members:

1. Sri D. Srinivasu, Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Karapa (Team Leader),
2. Sri V.R.V.S. Prasada Raju, Asst. Secretary, AMC, Kotabommali,
3. Sri P. Srinivasa Rao, Supervisor, AMC, Ponduru,
4. Sri A. Raja Mohan Rao, Supervisor AMC, Pathapatnam,
5. Sri M. Kaleswara Rao, the then DATMO, Srikakulam presently working as Secretary, AMC, Hiramandalam.

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As per the instructions received, the team members have proceeded to AMC, Itchapuram for verification of records. The team have thoroughly verified the available records and statements.

The team has also given an opportunity to submit any grievances or representations from the regular staff and outsourcing staff also.

The team members have verified the records and statements from 2018-2019 to 2023-2024 upto 16.8.2023.

Verified Records:

1. P.D. Account statements (CFMS) from 2018-2019 to 2023-2024 i.e. upto16.8.2023.
2. Cash Books from 2018-2019 to 2023-2024 with vouchers.
3. Cheque abstract registers from 2018-19.
4. Provident Funds Statements from 2018-2019 to 16.8.2023 account no. 35007174595, IFSC SBIN0000983.
5. P.F.Ledger.
6. P.F.Individual accounts.
7. C.P.S. account maintained in zero account.
8. Audit reports from 2018-19 to 2021-22.

After through verification of the records, it is found that, the office cash books, cheque abstract registers and receipt ledgers were not maintained properly and huge amounts were transferred by issue of cheques to un-related bank accounts from AMC, Itchapuram. It is observed that cancellation of Demand drafts and transfer the amounts to other persons on subsequent dates in regular practice; besides drawing in cash. It is found that huge amounts were drawn in cash regularly which is against the financial and treasury codes & financial rules in force.

Further, it is found that the maintenance of Office Cashbook, Cheque abstract and operating the P.D. Account, Current Account is highly irregular. Irregular money drawls were made. Sometimes he cancelled the demand drafts and encashed for his own sake.

Sri S. Chinni Krishna, Secretary Grade–II who was kept FAC to Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Itchapuram has wilfully diverted the CFMS bill amounts from AMC funds to other persons and frequently draw the funds by cash of his own sake. It is highly irregular and leads to misappropriation of AMC Funds.

ABSTRACT OF THE FINANCIAL IRREGULARITIES.

S. No	Details	Misappropriated Amount in Rs.
1.	Irregular Advances drawn	18,00,000
2.	Funds received from AMC Etcherla and drawn in cash	41,39,956
3.	Paddy Procurement Commission and M. Fee cash drawn	2,00,000
4.	C.M.F. Draft cancelled and cash drawn	26,98,784
5.	E-farmarketing funds drawn	5,00,000
6.	Misappropriated APSCSC amount	5,50,000
7.	Irregular Cash drawls	4,37,223
8.	Funds transfer to unknown person (K. Bhaskara Rao)	49,616
	TOTAL:	**1,03,75,579**

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Imputation to Charge-I:-

Sri S.Chinni Krishna, Secretary Grade-II, In-charge of Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Itchapuram has irregularly sanctioned the Advances to himself. As a Secretary Grade-II he has to obtain proceedings from ADM/ DATMO, Srikakulam for his own Car advance & H.B. Aadvances. But he sanctioned for himself. It is irregular drawl. It has to be recovered from the individual in lump-sum and credit to the AMC, Itchapuram Funds. The details are hereunder submitted in detail.

S. No	Year	Date	Amount in Rs.	Remarks
1.	2021-22	12.1.2022	6,00,000	Irregular self sanction of Car advance and drawn in favour of Sri S.Chinni Krishna, Secretary Grade-II
2.	2021-22	17.2.2022	12,00,000	Irregular self sanction and drawal of HBA in favour of S.Chinnikrishna, Secretary Grade-II. No proceedings from DATMO/DDM/JDM.
TOTAL:			**18,00,000**	

Imputation to Charge-II:-

Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram has misappropriated an amount of Rs.41,39,956/- which was received from the Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla Funds pertains to repayment of loan and drawn in cash. The details as follows:

i. It is found that an amount of Rs.11,80,000/- was directly transferred to the current account bearing No. 34914090382 of the AMC Ichapuram vide CFMS Bill No.2022-1673430 on 01/11/2022 (AMC Etcherla) towards repayment of loan. On verification of CFMS bill, the said amount was not remitted to the AMC Funds of Ichapuram. Verification of the current account statement of AMC Ichapuram, the above amount of Rs.11,80,000/- was misappropriated by Sri Ch. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and presently Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram through cheque No. 871202, dated:03.11.2022, cash drawn by Sri P. Ram Kumar, DEO.

ii. Another amount of Rs.11,80,000/- also drawn vide CFMS Bill No:2022-2125873 dated:28.12.2022(AMC Etcherla) adjusted directly to the Current account of the AMC Ichapuram on 07/01/2023 towards repayment of loan amount. For that cash cheque bearing No. 871215 dated:09.01.2023 for Rs.11,80,000/- was issued to Sri Vallabha Rao, Yard Assistant of AMC, Ichapuram and the same amount was withdrawn in cash.

iii. An amount of Rs.5,99,956/- was transferred vide CFMS Bill No:2022-241085 dated:12.02.2023(AMC Etcherla) adjusted directly to the Current account of the AMC Ichapuram on 01/03/2023. But the same was drawn vide cheque No.871221 dated:02.03.2023 for Rs.5,99,956/- at AMC, Ichapuram. Cash drawn by Sri Vallabha Rao, Yard Assistant of AMC, Ichapuram.

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iv. Another amount of Rs.11,80,000/- was transferred again towards repayment of loan to the AMC Ichapuram vide CFMS Bill No:2023-675868 dated:23.05.2023 (AMC Etcherla) on 01/06/2023. The adjusted amount in the current account was not remitted to the Funds of the AMC Ichapuram, but diverted the same by Sri S. Chinnikrishna , the then Secretary AMC Ichapuram and cash drawn by Sri Vallabha Rao, Yard Assistant of AMC, Ichapuram.

Date	Transfer / cash	Amount in Rs.
03.11.2022	Transferred to AMC, Ichapuram current account towards repayment of 3 instalments of loan recovery	11,80,000/-
09.01.2023		11,80,000/-
01.06.2023		11,80,000/-
02.03.2023	Transferred to AMC, Ichapuram current account	5,99,956/-
Total:		**41,39,956/-**

Imputation to Charge-III:-

Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram has misappropriated an amount of Rs.2,00,000/- out of Rs.7,36,078/- encashed by Sri B. Vinod Kumar, Outsourcing Staff through cheque No. 871175, dated:21.06.2022. As per verification report, there is only Rs.5,36,078/- has been credited to AMC Funds pertains to paddy procurement commission.

Imputation to Charge-IV:-

Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram has withdrawn an amount of Rs.26,98,784/- vide bill No. 2022-782172 from AMC Funds towards C.M.F. arrears. Demand Draft was taken and the same was cancelled and encahsed by Sri B. Vinod Kumar, Outsourcing Staff through cheque No. 871181, dated:04.07.2022.

Imputation to Charge-V:-

Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram has misappropriated an amount of Rs.5,00,000/- out of which an amount of Rs.7,09,710/- and encashed by Sri P. Ramkumar, DEO pertains to e-Farmarketing Fund.

Imputation to Charge-VI:-

Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram has misappropriated an amount of Rs.5,50,000/- out of which an amount of Rs.7,63,427/- (i.e., Rs.7,57,427/- pertains to APSCSC Amount + Rs.6000/- other bills) and same was encashed by Sri P. Rammohan Rao, Yard Assistant through cheque No. 871231, dt:21.03.2023 and remaining Rs.2,07,427 was remitted to AMC Itchapuram Funds through Challan no. 61427378172022, dated:22.03.2023.

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Imputation to Charge-VII:-

Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram has misappropriated an amount of Rs.4,37,223/- (Rs.1,50,000 + 1,00,000 + 41,875 + 1,45,000 + 348) by the way of self cheque drawn / cheque drawn by other persons / amount transfer to unknown persons. Details as follows:

Irregular Cash Drawls from AMC, Itchapuram Funds through Zero Balance Current Account Number.34914090382, SBI Itchapuram.

S. No	Year	Date	Amount in Rs.	Remarks
1.	2021-22	27.4.2021	1,50,000	Self cheque drawn by Sri S. Chinni Krishna through Cheque No. 459599, dated:26.04.2021.
2.	2021-22	12.01.2022	348	Rs.348/- was irregular cash drawn along with irregular self sanction of Car Advance (Rs.6,00,000 + 348 = 6,00,348) and drawn in favour of Sri S. Chinni Krishna, Secretary Grade-II in Account No. 31250506509, dated:12.01.2022.
3.	2022-23	16.4.2022	1,00,000	Self Cheque No. 459592, dated:16.04.2022 and drawn by Sri P. Ram Mohan Rao, Yard Assistant.
4.	2022-23	6.12.2022	41,875	Self cheque No. 871207, dated:06.12.2022 of an amount of Rs.1,33,871/- Cash drawn by Sri A. Jagan Mohan Reddy, Yard Assistant. Paid Rs. 91,996/- as per the cheque abstract details. Remaining Rs. 41,875/- bills not found.
5.	2022-23	30.3.2023	1,45,000	Cash drawn by various cheques for Rs.7,28,719/-. No details for Rs.1,45,000/-. As per bank statements the following are found through cheque numbers 1. Cheque No. 459598, Dt:21.05.2021 – Rs.25,000/- 2. Cheque No. 459596, Dt:24.05.2022 – Rs.50,000/- 3. Cheque No. 459597, Dt:30.05.2022 – Rs.70,000/- Total – Rs.1,45,000/-
Total			**4,37,223**	

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Imputation to Charge-VIII:-

Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram has transferred an amount of Rs.49,616/- of AMC Funds to unknown person i.e., Sri K. Bhaskara Rao, Account No. 30491697392 on 04.10.2022 through bill No. 2022-1462801, dated:04.10.2022 raising an amount of Rs.2,01,685/-.

Imputation to Charge-IX:-

Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram has sanctioned the Advances to the Staff for an amount of Rs.16,00,000/- without following any procedure and eligibility even though the State Audit Department has also objected in their report. The details are as follows:

S. No	Year	Date	Amount in Rs.	Details
1.	2021-22	3.12.2020	4,00,000	Irregular sanction of HBA(R) and drawn in favour of Sri S. Sriramulu, Supervisor
2.	2021-22	2.9.2021	6,00,000	Irregular sanction of Car advance and drawn in favour of Sri S. Sriramulu, Supervisor
3.	2021-22	1.11.2021	6,00,000	Irregular sanction of Car advance and drawn in favour of Sri G. Kesavarao, Supervisor
TOTAL:			**16,00,000**	

Imputation to Charge- X:-

Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram has proceeded on half pay leave commuted to full pay on medical grounds from 05.08.2023 to 04.09.2023 without prior permission from the Higher Authorities and also without intimation to Higher Authorities as he is hold a Secretary of the Market Committee as the post is Executive Authority.

As per report of Regional Deputy Director of Marketing, Visakhapatnam vide Letter Roc. No. 15/DDM/VSP/2023, dated:17.08.2023 addressed to the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., it is noticed that the District Agricultural Trade and Marketing Officer, Srikakulam has informed that no leave application received by Sri S. Chinni Krishna, the then Secretary Grade-III, Agricultural Market Committee, Etcherla and Secretary Grade-II (Under suspension), Agricultural Market Committee, Itchapuram.

In view of the above and basing on the Verification Report, it is clearly shown that Sri S. Chinni Krishna, Secretary Grade-II and the then Selection Grade Secretary (FAC), AMC, Itchapuram has not followed the Financial Rules and no proper observation on expenditure. No proper observation of Financial Rules and codes on drawls, remittances. He was failed to Safe guard the AMC, Itchapuram Funds.

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By the above acts, he has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of the public servant and contravened Rule 3 of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964, violated the Rules 31, 97, 98, 99 & 100 of A.P.(AP&LS) Markets Rules, 1969 and also violated House Building Advance Rules issued in G.O.Ms.No.311, Finance and Planning (A&L) Department, dated:06.11.1996 and violated the orders of the C&DoAM, A.P. issued in Rc.IV(2) 2238/94, dated:6.01.1998 and also violated AP Leave Rules, 1933. Hence, the Charges.

ANNEXURE – III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS ON THE BASIS OF WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI S. CHINNI KRISHNA, THE THEN SECRETARY GRADE-III, AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, ETCHERLA AND SECRETARY GRADE-II (U/S), AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, ITCHAPURAM.

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Roc. No. 102/A/2023, dated:11.10.2023 of the Regional Joint Director of Marketing, Visakhapatnam along with Verification Report of Team Members submitted by the Team Leader i.e., Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Karapa in Letter Rc. No. 22/2023, dated:11.10.2023.

ANNEXURE – IV

LIST OF WITNESS BY WHOM BY THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI S. CHINNI KRISHNA, THE THEN SECRETARY GRADE-III, AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, ETCHERLA AND SECRETARY GRADE-II (U/S), AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE, ITCHAPURAM ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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1. The Regional Joint Director of Marketing, Visakhapatnam.
2. The Regional Deputy Director of Marketing, Visakhapatnam
3. Verification Team-II Members:

   i. Sri D. Srinivasu, Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Karapa, Kakinada District and Team-II Team Leader,
   ii. Sri V.R.V.S. Prasada Raju, Asst. Secretary, AMC, Kotabommali,
   iii. Sri P. Srinivasa Rao, Supervisor, AMC, Ponduru,
   iv. Sri A. Raja Mohan Rao, Supervisor AMC, Pathapatnam.

4. The District Agri. Trade and Marketing Officer, Srikakulam.

CHIRANJIV CHOUDHARY, IFS,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT